Get Home-How?Check '3' Snowdrifts
And Home You Go

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A very good question came up not long ago about snowdrifts. I was asked by one of the white men, a good friend of Eskimos.

"Say, can you tell me, that is if you travel in night, stars would be invisible, cloudy, hardly any wind. Why these travelers in nights don't get even lost when they travel?" he asked me.

"It's simple," I said to

"Let me tell you this, friend, you might be traveling someday you will see three snowdrifts. One drifts could be harder and wider than the other two drifts. Now, you might be 75 miles off from Barrow village way up inland and then you decided to turn back to your quarters.

"Before you start," I said to him, "please examine the snow drifts in a daytime. You will see one of them

drifts is broader and harder. That tells you this; snow drifts is piled from northeast wind.

"Now, while you traveling, the stars and moon would be covered by clouds. Don't try to change your course-keep cutting this hard drifts as I mention. If you do, you will never get lost. Try this sometime then you find out the proof it yourself."

"Well," he said, "I wish they'll let me take my few days of so that I could proof it."

"Thanks for the information," he said.